

Attorney General Names New Director for Department of Justice Family Division



Deputy Attorney General
Abigail Rodgers Layton

Attorney General Matt Denn announced Friday that Deputy Attorney General Abigail Rodgers Layton has been named the next Director of the Family Division in the Delaware Department of Justice.

Layton is currently a prosecutor in the department's Medicaid Fraud Control unit.

A graduate of Gettysburg College and Villanova University School of Law, Layton has worked for DOJ for 10 years, with some time in private practice as well. She served as the Commander of DOJ's Child Predator Task Force for 4 years, and also as a criminal prosecutor in the department's Misdemeanor Trial and Domestic Violence units. She is also the board president of Prevent Child Abuse Delaware.

“Abby is an accomplished prosecutor and manager, with a longstanding interest in the welfare of children,” said Attorney General Denn. “She is uniquely qualified to address the complex set of issues that the Family Division handles, and I am pleased that she will be overseeing the very capable attorneys and staff who work in our Family Division.”

DOJ’s Family Division is responsible for adjudication of juveniles in Family Court; prosecution of child dependency and neglect cases; securing and enforcing child support orders; enforcing truancy laws; and overseeing the work of DOJ’s ombudsman for school bullying incidents.

Layton takes over the Family Division director position on January 9, 2017, when current director LaKresha Roberts becomes the new Chief Deputy for the Department of Justice.